

SENATE RESOLUTION 127

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A RESOLUTION to commend Mr. Ron Banks for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee and to congratulate him on his recent appointment as Executive Assistant to the Mayor's Office of Shelby County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ron Banks is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Ron Banks is a highly respected member of Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, a proficient scholar, Mr. Banks attended the University of Memphis; he also served his country with great pride and honor in the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure in numerous civic positions, Mr. Banks has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Banks began his professional career in sales for Croft Metals in McComb, Mississippi, displaying outstanding leadership and management skills throughout his 20-year tenure with the corporation; and

WHEREAS, Ron Banks' proficiency as a salesman and a leader enabled him to attain the position of Division Sales Manager, in which position he was responsible for the hiring and training of sales account managers and the personal management of national accounts within a 15-state area; and

WHEREAS, Ron Banks served Croft Metals in a manner beyond reproach, earning the respect of his clients, peers, and superiors alike with his honesty and integrity as a businessman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Banks began civil service in November, 1995, as the Construction Manager for the Department of Housing; in addition to supervising two site inspectors, evaluating the rehabilitation of single family residences, progress monitoring, and recordkeeping, Mr. Banks' other responsibilities included bid specification, job start-up, and finalization; and

WHEREAS, Ron Banks diligently served Shelby County in this position and was instrumental in the rehabilitation of single family homes for low- and moderate-income families; and

WHEREAS, as Construction Manager, Ron Banks was able to obtain a six million dollar federal grant for lead-based paint control, a grant which enabled the Department of Housing to ensure the safety of Shelby County's citizens through the training of paint inspectors, risk assessors, general contractors, and contract workers in coordination with the Health Department, and independent environmental contractors. Mr. Banks displayed his exceptional leadership abilities by personally overseeing each one of these training and coordination programs; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2000, Mr. Banks was appointed by Shelby County Mayor Rout as Assistant to the Directors of General Services and Public Works, a position in which he was responsible for the recordkeeping of the departments, assisting in the daily operations of the seven departments of General Services and the nine departments of Public Works, making

recommendations for specific programs, and representing the directors at meetings and programs; and

WHEREAS, Shelby County Mayor Rout recognized Ron Banks' loyalty, trustworthiness and unswerving commitment to public service and appointed him as Executive Assistant to the Mayor's Office of Shelby County in December of 2001; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ron Banks' new responsibilities include accompanying Mayor Rout to civic events; maintaining records of Shelby County boards and commissions and joint boards and commissions; representing the Mayor's Office upon request; coordinating the signing of contracts; and ensuring that the daily operations of the Mayor run smoothly; and

WHEREAS, in light of his outstanding accomplishments, Mr. Banks remains humble, vowing to continue to serve the public to the best of his abilities; and

WHEREAS, Ron Banks' remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Banks is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ron Banks is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Mr. Ron Banks for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, congratulate him on his recent appointment as Executive Assistant to the Mayor's Office of Shelby County, and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

